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1. Although more than 20 months have passed since the filing of the above referenced patent application, a first Office Action has not been received.

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